

that I pay tribute to her today for the tremendous accomplishment of being honored by the United States Justice Department for her significant contributions to her community and to her state.

As Director of the YWCA, Diane has long been active in the Pueblo community and has dedicated a significant amount of her time and efforts to improving community relations and upholding civil rights. Recently, her tireless efforts and extraordinarily selfless endeavors culminated in the creation of the Pueblo Human Relations Commission, a 15 member panel which will discuss divisive community issues, and a long-time dream of Diane's. Along with Sandy Gutierrez, Diane was responsible for the Commission's creation, which will undoubtedly serve as a catalyst for more open discussions on race related issues and other controversial issues facing the Pueblo community. Like all true pioneers, Diane had to overcome a great deal of opposition to see her dream come to fruition, and I commend her for her courage and persistence in the face of such opposition.

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that Diane Porter is a woman of unparalleled dedication and commitment to her community and to the people whose lives she has touched while serving it. It is her unrelenting passion for each and every thing she does, as well as her spirit of honesty and integrity with which she has always conducted herself, that I wish to bring before this body of Congress. She is a remarkable woman who has achieved extraordinary things and enriched the lives of so many people. It is my privilege to extend to Diane my sincere congratulations on the creation of the Pueblo Human Relations Commission and for the tremendous accomplishment of being honored by the United States Justice Department for her efforts. I wish her the best of luck in all of her future endeavors.

RECOGNITION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN

HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Mr. ENGLISH. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the Republic of Kazakhstan for its efforts in assisting the United States in our war against terrorism. Kazakhstan was among the first of our allies to offer its condolences and help after the destruction of September 11th. Indeed, following the terrorist attacks, Kazakh President Nazarbayev took the unprecedented step of visiting the United States Embassy in the Kazakh capital of Astana to sign the Embassy's book of condolences.

On September 15, 2001, President Nazarbayev issued a strong statement of support for our war against Osama Bin Laden and Al Qaeda. In his statement, President Nazarbayev declared that his country would support our own government "in the fight against terrorism with all means available." More importantly, our friends in Astana backed their firm statements with action—offering blanket overflight clearance for U.S. aircraft over the vast Republic of Kazakhstan. Moreover, the Kazakh government has since offered its own airfields and supply bases to the

United States military for use in action against Al Qaeda.

In addition to this strong strategic help, our Kazakh friends have shipped nearly 3,000 tons of wheat and other grains to the impoverished people of Afghanistan. This sort of vital assistance has helped our own nation in a fight not only to rid Afghanistan of its terrorist oppressors, but to resurrect a long-suffering people. A young nation itself, Kazakhstan has also sought to integrate itself into the global alliance against terrorism by offering further food sales to the United Nations World Food Programme in order to facilitate the feeding of the Afghan people.

President Nazarbayev and his countrymen have also shown political courage and leadership in embracing global standards of conduct in international affairs. The Government in Astana has ratified seven international terrorism conventions, while the Governor of the Kazakh Central Bank has pledged to track down and freeze any terrorist financing within the Kazakh Republic. Mr. Speaker, this sort of cooperation and assistance exemplifies the sort of friendship that our own nation treasures and needs in our fight against the evil behind international terrorism. The Republic of Kazakhstan has demonstrated a valiant commitment to protecting freedom by siding with the United States of America. It is my hope that other nations, young and old, will follow the tremendous example of the Kazakh people.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL LUTHER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 13, 2002

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, because I was attending to family matters in my home state of Minnesota, I missed Roll Call votes 483–512 of the 1st Session of the 107th Congress and Roll Call votes 2–14 of the 2nd Session of the 107th Congress. I would like the record to show that I would have voted: Aye on Roll Call vote #483, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Con. Res. 281, honoring the ultimate sacrifice made by Johnny Michael Spann, the first American killed in combat during the war against terrorism.

Aye on Roll Call vote #484, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3282, the Mike Mansfield Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse Designation Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #485, H.R. 10, the Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #486, approving the Journal.

Nay on Roll Call vote #487, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3295, the Help America Vote Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #488, motion to recommit with instructions on H.R. 3295, the Help America Vote Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #489, final passage of H.R. 3295, the Help America Vote Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #490, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Con. Res. 282, expressing the Sense of Congress that the Social Security promise should be kept.

Aye on Roll Call vote #491, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 3209, the Anti-Hoax Terrorism Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #492, on passage of H.R.

1022, the Community Recognition Act of 2001. Aye on Roll Call vote #493, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, H.R. 3448, the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Response Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #494, on motion to Instruct Conferees on H.R. 3338, the Department of Defense Appropriations Conference Report for FY 2002.

Aye on Roll Call vote #495, on closing portions of H.R. 3338, the Department of Defense Appropriations Conference Report. Aye on Roll Call vote #496, on the Conference Report to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002. Nay on Roll Call vote #9497, on the Conference Report to H.R. 1, the No Child Left Behind Act. Nay on Roll Call vote #498, to provide for the consideration of Motions to Suspend the Rules.

Aye on Roll Call vote #499, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3379, the Raymond M. Downey Post Office Building. Aye on Roll Call vote #500, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3054, the True American Heroes Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #501, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3275, the Terrorist Bombings Convention Implementation Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #502, to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2657, the District of Columbia Family Court Act.

Aye on Roll Call vote #503, to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2199, the District of Columbia Police Coordination Amendment Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #504, on agreeing to the Conference Report to H.R. 3061, the Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002. Aye on Roll Call vote #505, on agreeing to the Conference Report to H.R. 2506, the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

Nay on Roll Call vote #506, on agreeing to the Resolution waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules. Nay on Roll Call vote #507, on agreeing to the H. Res. 320, providing for consideration of H.R. 3529; to provide tax incentives for economic recovery and assistance to displaced workers. Aye on Roll Call vote #508, motion to recommit with instructions on H.R. 3529, the Economic Security and Worker Assistance Act. Nay on Roll Call vote #509, final passage of H.R. 3529, the Economic Security and Worker Assistance Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #510, on agreeing to the conference report to the Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2002.

Aye on Roll Call vote #511, on motion to suspend the rules and pass H.J. Res. 75, as amended, Regarding the Monitoring of Weapons Development in Iraq, as Required by United Nations Security Council Resolution 687 (April 3, 1991). Aye on Roll Call vote #512, on motion to suspend the rules and pass S. 1762, to establish fixed interest rates for student and parent borrowers, and for other purposes. Aye on Roll Call vote #2, on motion to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate Amendment to H.R. 700, to reauthorize the Asian Elephant Conservation Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #3, on motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 2234, the Tumacacori National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act. Aye on Roll Call vote #4, on passage of S. 1762, Higher Education Act Amendments.